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One Student Wins \$2,500 EdVest Scholarship

7 others will take home \$500 for writing essays about going to college

Madison - On **Wednesday, January 20th, 2010 at 2:00pm at the Governor's Mansion**, Treasurer Dawn Marie Sass and First Lady Jessica Doyle will award 8 Wisconsin students EdVest College Scholarships. The students were among 400 who took part in the 2009 Higher Education Day Essay Contest. The 4th-6th graders wrote about why they want to continue their education beyond high school.

The winners are:

- **Zachary Atkins –Racine County, 6th grade, REAL School**
- **Jillian Tuscher –Sauk County, 6th grade Jack Young Middle School**
- **Kaitlyn Skala – Vernon County, 6th Grade, Hillsboro Elementary**
- **Tyler Yang - Milwaukee County, 5th Grade, St. Bernadette**
- **Cole Wirth - Milwaukee County, 6th Grade, Longfellow Middle School**
- **Natasha Brantley - Manitowoc County, 6th Grade, Franklin Elementary**
- **Jackson Her - Wood County, 6th Grade, Grove Elementary**
- **Kyle Thieme - Brown County, 4th Grade, Forest Glen Elementary**

The winners come from each of the state's Congressional Districts. While all 8 know they have won college scholarship money through the EdVest Program, the grand prize winner of \$2,500 will be announced at the event.

"I am proud of all the children who took the time to write the essays," said Treasurer Sass. "These students already realize it's never too early to start saving for their future."

The EdVest essay contest was launched on Higher Education Day, created by the Treasurer's Office four years ago in order to focus attention on the importance of higher education, and to highlight the many excellent resources already available in our state for students, parents and teachers. Teachers used the curriculum to create a teachable moment to talk about the importance of an education, especially in today's financial world.

For more information on the EdVest College Scholarship program, visit www.statetreasury.wisconsin.gov.

Higher Education Day Essay Contest Winners:

Jan. 20th, 2010 **Governor's Mansion**
2:00PM

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